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LITHUANIAN LEGATION.

17 Essex Villas,

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LONDON, W. 8.

No. 241 .

th February, 1947

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your attention the following cable from Tel-Aviv, Palestine, dated February 6th, and signed by Mr.G. Valkauskas, who was a Secretary to the Lithuanian Consulate General in Tel-Aviv and who, upon the death of Dr. N. Rachmilevičius, the late Consul General, was in charge of the said Consulate General since 1942:

KINDLY INFORM PALESTINE GOVERNMENT PARURGENT CABLE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THAT OUR CONSULATE CONTINUES EXISTING SINCE 1927 AND THAT I AS ONLY FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF OFFICER AM IN CHARGE SINCE JANUARY 1942 STOP OTHERWISE OUR CONSULATE NO MORE RECOGNIZED STOP LATVIAN ESTOMIAN CONSULATES FUNCTIONING - VALKAUSKAS.

I am not aware of any reasons which, as it would seem from the text of the above cable, now threaten further existance of this Consulate, but I know that there is a considerable number of Lithuanian lews who settled in Palestine long before the last war. In fact, this was one of the main reasons for esablishing a Lithuanian Consulate in Palestine in 1927.

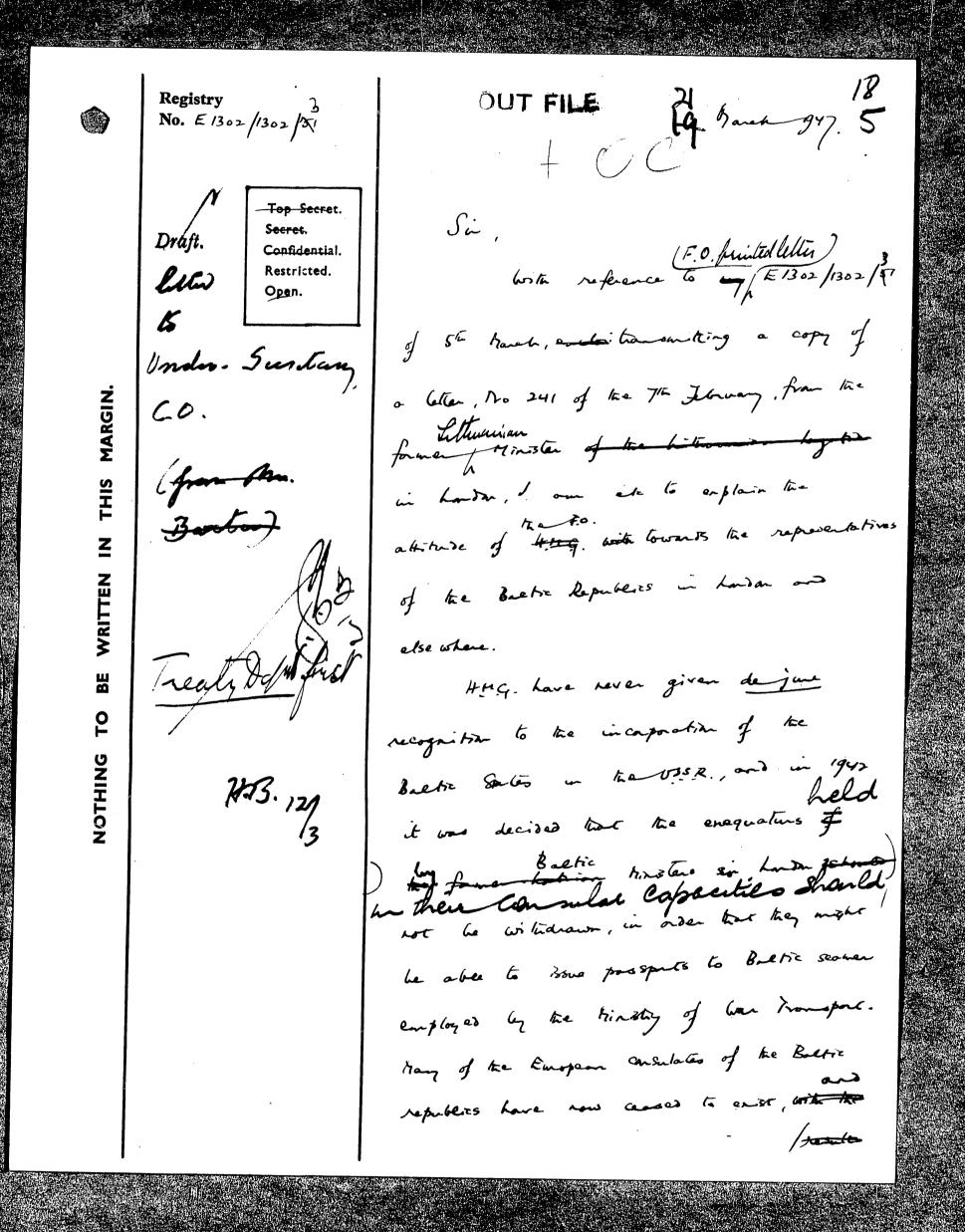
In absence of any personal charges of compromising nature against Mr. G. Valkauskas, I have the honour to request that appropriate instructions could be cabled to the British Authorities in Palestine to the effect of allowing undisturbed functioning of the Lithuanian Consulate in Tel-Aviv.

I have the honour to be, aith the highest consideration, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

B. K. Baluting

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,

Foreign Office.



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FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

21st March, 1947.

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Sir,

Lith reference to Foreign Office printed letter 3. 1302/1302/31 of the 5th March, transmitting a copy of a letter, To. 341 of the 7th Pebruary, from the former Lithuanian Minister in Mondon, I am directed by Mr. Atles to explain the attitude of the Foreign Africe towards the representatives of the Baltic Republics in Mondon and Clauwhere.

His Maj ty's Government have never given to jure recognition to the incorporation of the Baltic States in the Union of Lowiet Socialist Republics, and in 1948 it was decided that the exequature held by Baltic Linisters in London in their Consular capacities should not be withdrawn, in order that they might be able to issue passourts to Baltic seamen employed by the limistry of ar Trans rt. Many of the European consulites of the Caltie republics have new coased to exist, and the Paltio rome, entatives in condon have taken to issuing passports for Balts throughout Parope. This development was not fixed on in 1908 when the decision not to withdraw their exequaturs was taken, but there is no evidence to it we that any of the Baltic representatives in condon are misusing their powers, and it has therefore recently been accided not to restrict their right to legue and renew passports, cince this would cause hardship to many persons who are fully entitled to be considered citizens of the multic Republics.

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The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial office.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of PALESTINE

Date 21 April, 1947

No. 389 Saving. CONFIDENTIAL

With reference to my saving telegram

No.288 of the 26th March concerning Mr. Valkanskas's appointment as Representative of the Government of

Lithuania at Tel Aviv, I enclose a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office which explains more precisely the present position. You will observe that as His Majesty's Government have never given de jure recognition to the incorporation of the Baltic States in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics it is not

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it would be convenient if you could arrange for
Mr. Valkanskas to continue to exercise his functions
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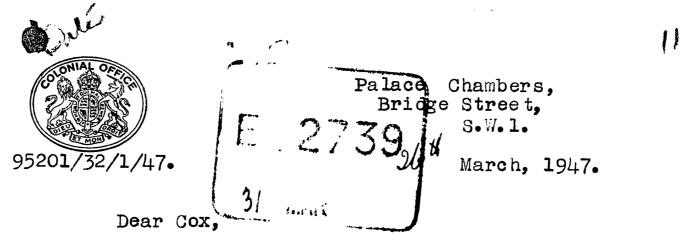
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Will you please refer to the Foreign Office letter, No.E.1302/1302/31 of the 5th March enclosing, without comment, a copy of a note from the Lithuanian Legation, concerning the functioning of their Consulate General at Tel Aviv.

According to the Diplomatic and Consular List for 1945, Lithuania is represented in Palestine by a Consul-General, Dr. N. Rachmilevicius, whose Exequatur dates from the 28th February, 1935; but on the 7th May, 1942, we forwarded to you (under our reference 14151/32(1)/42) a copy of a note, with enclosures, from the Palestine Government reporting that Dr. Rachmilevicius had died and that Mr. G. Valkauskas, who was then a Secretary at the Consulate-General, Tel Aviv, had been instructed by the Lithuanian Minister in London to assume charge of the Consulate, but had been asked to arrange for his appointment to be notified formally through the diplomatic channel.

So far as we can trace there has been no subsequent correspondence on this subject (the entry in the Diplomatic and Consular List would seem to confirm this) and we should be grateful if you could let us know what steps were taken in 1942, or are now proposed to be taken with a view to regularising the position of Mr. Valkauskas.

Meanwhile

R.C. COX, ESQ., M.B.E.

Meanwhile we are sending a copy of the Lithuanian note to the High Commissioner for Palestine with the request that, provided he sees no objection, arrangements may be made to accord to Mr. Valkauskas such facilities as are necessary to the carrying out of his duties pending his formal appointment to office.

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(Sqd.) R. C. Cox. HB. 17)

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

(E2739/1302/31)

6th May, 1947.

Dear Cade,

Please refer to your letter (No. 95291/32/1/47) of the 21st March on the subject of Lithuanian consular representation in Palestine.

You will since have seen our letter to the Colonial Under-Secretary (No. E1302/1302/31 of the 21st March), suggesting that Mr. Valkauskas should be permitted to continue to exercise his functions as Acting Lithuanian Consul in Tel Aviv.

We notice that in your letter under reference, you speak of according the necessary facilities to Mr. Valkaukas "pending his formal appointment to office". In our view, however, there can be no question of a formal appointment. We should like continued recognition to be given to Mr. Valkauskas on a provisional basis, without raising the question of the regularisation of his appointment.

(5901.) R.C. Cox.

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Palace Chambers,
Bridge Street,
S. W. 1.

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May, 1947.

Dear Cox,

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With reference to your letter (E2739/1302/31) of the 6th May about Lithuanian consular representation in Palestine, I enclose a copy of the saving telegram which we sent at that time to the High Commissioner for Palestine on the subject and which, you will see, did not include the offending phrase. I should add that we had not then seen the Foreign Office letter E1302/1302/31 of the 21st March, which caused us to send a further communication to Palestine, (Saving telegram No. 389 of the 21st April). You will meanwhile have had a copy of that document and we hope that you will find it harmless.

Yours sincerely,

N.C.Case

R.C. COX ESQ., M.B.E.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

HIGH COMMISSIONER

To the Officer Administering the Government of.......

Date 26 March, 1947.

No. 288 Saving.

With reference to the note No. N/62/31 of the 13th February, 1942, (a copy of which is enclosed for ease of reference) from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Palestine covering the appointment of Mr. G. Valkauskas as Acting Consul-General of Lithuania at Tel Aviv, I enclose a copy of a note from the Lithuanian Legation in London asking that, in the absence of any personal charges of a compromising nature against him, Mr. Valkauskas may be allowed to continue his functions.

I am enquiring of the Foreign Office as to the steps which it may be proposed to take with a view to regularising Mr. Valkauskas' position, but should meanwhile be obliged if, provided you see no objection, he may be accorded such facilities as will enable him to perform the duties attaching to the Consulate.

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